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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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FUJII PHOTO FILM CO., LTD. et al

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant FUJII PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.			

1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).		
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet. In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 65.1b(1)(c) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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 - a. type of material
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP, 2002-350437, A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.), 4 December, 2002 (04.12.02), the claims, [0024]-[0026], etc. Document 2: JP, 2000-74907, A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.), 14 March, 2000 (14.03.00), [0035], etc. Document 3: JP, 2000-180443, A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.), 30 June, 2000 (30.06.00), [0037], etc., & US, 6375856, B Document 4: JP, 11-194126, A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.), 21 July, 1999 (21.07.99), [0042], etc.</p> <p>Claims 1-7</p> <p>Document 1 describes a multilayer analytical material for analysis of liquid samples wherein the said material is made by layering and integrating a functional layer and a porous membrane made of polysulfone with each other one after another on a non-water-permeable transparent support body (see the claims, paragraphs [0024]-[0026], etc.).</p> <p>Documents 2-4 mention that SE-200 from Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. is used as a porous membrane made of polysulfone. Thus, a person skilled in the art could have easily used SE-200 from Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. for the porous membrane made of polysulfone, described in document 1.</p> <p>In view of the specification of the present application (see examples, page 15), SE-200 from Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. satisfies conditions specified in the invention of the present application such as bending fracture toughness and elongation rate on a tensile load of 50 g, and so it is apparent that using SE-200 from Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. as a polysulfone porous membrane in document 1 would make an analytical element as the invention of the present application.</p> <p>Accordingly, the subject matters of claims 1-7 of the present application do not appear to involve an inventive step.</p>			

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The specification of the present application shows that using polysulfone for a spread layer of a porous membrane can produce a desired effect (see the examples). On the other hand, the claims of the present application do not encompass only polysulfone but a wide range of materials, and even cover such materials that are not known to actually produce the desired effect, and so are not fully supported.